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The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The first was lack of finance. The second ground was, there are so many other firkas in Malabar which are placed in a worse position than this firka. Taking all these into account, we felt that it is not so very necessary now to embark upon this business."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether finance was the consideration or the convenience of the people? Does he know the inconvenience caused to the people by the geographical position of the firka—the long distance between the southernmost and northernmost points, the hardships undergone by the people due to the amalgamation of groups of villages with natural barriers of communication, etc.? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, there is a certain amount of inconvenience but it is not peculiar to this firka alone. As I said, in other firkas also there is this inconvenience. But the main obstacle is lack of finance."

*Establishment of new clinical laboratories.*

* 538 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state where the Government propose to establish the new veterinary clinical laboratories proposed under the new schemes for 1954–55?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have agreed to the opening of three clinical laboratories in the State during 1954–55. Two of them are to be located in two of the District Headquarters Veterinary Hospitals and the third in one of the Livestock Farms. The exact places have yet to be determined by the Director of Animal Husbandry."

**Sri S. RAMALINGAM** :—" புதிதாகத் திறக்கப்படப்போகின்ற மூன்று **clinical-laboratories**-களில் இரண்டு, இரண்டு ஜில்லா தலைநகர் கால் நடை ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்போவதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இவைகளில் ஒன்றை தஞ்சாவூரில் இருக்கக்கூடிய தலைநகர் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு யாராவது சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறார்களா ? ஏதாவது சிபார்சு வந்திருந்தால் அதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது யோசனை செய்திருக்கிறதா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information but I shall consider the suggestion."

*Statistics about the examination of bloodstain cases.*

* 539 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to State the total number of bloodstain cases that were examined by experts, Chemical Examiner

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and other officers of Government during 1952 and 1953 in the State and the number of articles examined and the results of the examinations? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.''

*Employment of refugees in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project.*

* 540 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of refugees employed in various ways in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Twenty-two refugees are now employed in the lignite project ''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' As there is a general impression that most of the North Indians employed in the Neyveli works are not refugees but have been brought from Bengal in the name of refugees and employed here, will the Government examine the position with the help of the Bengal Government to find out whether they are real refugees? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government cannot act on impressions conveyed to them by hon. Members of the House. But we have this information that these refugees come from East Bengal and West Punjab in Pakistan—the number being 16 and 6, respectively. Apart from the fact they are refugees, they are all mechanics-skilled workmen, fitters, mechanical operators, mine supervisors, master drillers, surveyors, etc.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' பாண்டிச்சேரியிலிருந்து வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய அகதிகள் யாராவது இந்தச் சுரங்கத்தில் வேலை செய்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் எத்தனைபேர் வேலை செய்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? '

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I have no information, Sir.'' 8-30 a.m.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is it a fact, Sir, that these refugees had to be appointed because there was a paucity of technically trained men available in Tamilnad? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Whether there is paucity of technically trained men in Tamilnad or not, we owe it to the refugees that we should also employ some of them wherever there is opportunity to employ them.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' As the Hon. Minister said these were refugees, were these refugees recommended officially by the Refugee Rehabilitation Board, at Delhi? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, about this question, I would like to have notice.''

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 195 infra.